

# OBITUARY

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## A J HARROLD

MS, FRCS

Mr A J Harrold, orthopaedic surgeon to St Mary's Hospital, London, and St Vincent's Hospital, Pinner, died suddenly on 23 October while laying up his yacht at Chichester. He was 58 and had been very active in the years before his untimely death.

Anthony John Harrold had a distinguished academic record at University College School and as a student at St Mary's Hospital, London. Having graduated MB, BS in 1946, with a distinction in surgery, he obtained an excellent basic surgical training at St Mary's Hospital, at Amersham, and at Bradford. Having obtained the FRCS in 1952, he began a more formal orthopaedic training as a registrar at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, and St Bartholomew's Hospital. His senior registrar position was back at his old teaching hospital, and it was there and at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital that his academic talents and clinical acumen combined to produce an excellent thesis on the reasons why intra-articular fractures heal poorly. For this he was awarded the MS in 1960, in which year he joined the staff of St Mary's Hospital and Paddington General Hospital, and subsequently St Vincent's Hospital, Pinner.

In 1962 Tony was elected one of four British Orthopaedic Association travelling fellows to visit 19 separate American orthopaedic centres, and his extensive knowledge and cheerful company made him an outstanding member of that group. His hospital appointments supplied many challenges, clinical, teaching, and administrative. He enjoyed the clinical care of his many patients, he found teaching stimulating and rewarding—and those he taught enjoyed his clarity of thought and expression—and he took more than his fair share of the less enjoyable but essential administrative work. Thus he was chairman of the medical committee of Paddington General Hospital and St Mary's district medical committee, among other exacting committee tasks, and his notable kindness, skill, and sense of humour smoothed many a difficult discussion. It was, however, with children that Tony's great gifts as a clinician were most in evidence. His sound knowledge, attention to detail, and intense personal involvement in his patients' long term problems made his work outstanding. His paper, delivered for him after his death, on the long term results in patients with club feet that he had treated personally is a splendid record of the benefits to patients of being under the care of a surgeon with his great assets.

As might be expected of one of such talent and so widely read on many subjects from poetry to paediatrics, Tony's opinion was sought in many varying fields. He advised the Medical Protection Society, chaired the ethical committee of St Mary's Hospital, and was on the London examining board for the MS, among other offices. His leading articles, editorials, and book reviews for the *BMJ* remain models of their kind.

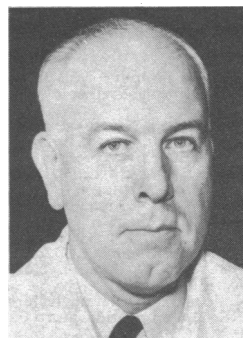
Outdoor activities gave Tony an excellent contrast to the stresses of his work, but even with hill walking, bird watching, and sailing his deep knowledge added an academic aspect to these pursuits which gave him so much pleasure. Even more pleasure came from his 33 years of marriage to Hazel and from bringing up his own children and their children.—AHGM.

## J W McLAREN

MA, FRCP, FRCPE, FRCR

Dr J W McLaren, formerly a radiologist, died on 28 October after a prolonged illness. He was 75. From 1946 until his retirement in 1973 he was consultant radiologist and physician in charge of the x-ray department at St Thomas's Hospital, London.

John Watt McLaren, the only child of a distinguished engineer, was educated at



Cheltenham College and Caius College, Cambridge, before beginning his clinical training at St Thomas's Hospital in 1928. After qualifying MRCS, LRCP in 1931 and gaining clinical experience in a variety of house appointments he elected to make his career in radiology. At that time the only higher qualification was the diploma in medical radiology and electrology at Cambridge, which he obtained in 1935. He soon became chief assistant in the x-ray department of his teaching hospital and was also radiologist to Queen Mary's Hospital in the East End. His military service during the war was relatively brief: a sudden vacancy at St Thomas's due to the death of Dr Bertram Shires necessitated his recall in 1941 from the army, with whom he had been serving in Iceland. In 1946 he became chief radiologist.

Thereafter Dr McLaren rendered superb organisational and professional service to St Thomas's, his career beginning when radiological techniques were in their relative childhood and terminating with the introduction of the new diagnostic imaging methods that have been developed so recently. His inherited interest in engineering made him particularly fascinated by the development of radiological apparatus. For a short time he dabbled with that phoenix of the radiological world kymography. In addition to converting the bomb-scarred remnant of his department into a highly modern and sophisticated unit he made a valuable contribution to the rebuilding of St Thomas's Hospital as a member of its planning committee.

Dr McLaren's ability was recognised in many ways. He was president of the British Institute of Radiology in 1949 and in 1950 secretary-general of the successful sixth international congress of radiology in London. In 1951 he was elected to fellowship of the Faculty of Radiologists and to membership of the Royal College of Physicians, becoming a fellow of the latter body in 1963. The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh made him a member in 1962 and a fellow in 1972. He served as consultant to the Metropolitan Police and was a member of the Radiologists Visiting Club. During 1948-70 he edited, and contributed to, four editions of *Modern Trends in Diagnostic Radiology*. In addition he published a number of papers concerning radiology.

Ian McLaren, as he was known to his friends, led a useful and valuable life in the development of radiology, and his work will long be appreciated by those who knew him. He was unmarried.—ROM.

## W T WALKER

MBE, MD, FFHOM

Dr W T Walker, formerly consultant physician at the Royal London and Tunbridge Wells homoeopathic hospitals, died suddenly on 6 October aged 74.

William Thomson Walker was educated at Queen's Park School, Glasgow, and then studied medicine at Glasgow University, graduating MB, ChB in 1930 at the early age of 21. He then entered general practice in Cambridge and in his spare time took a BA, becoming MA in 1938. In 1936 he moved to Tunbridge Wells to join in practice with Dr Barlee, through whom he became interested in homoeopathy. Homoeopathy became the central interest in his further medical career, though he always kept abreast of orthodox medical practice. During the war he served in the RAMC, eventually in Burma, where as major he was in charge of a division in medicine. He was awarded the MBE and was twice mentioned in dispatches. After the war he returned to practice in Tunbridge Wells and in due course was appointed consultant physician at the Royal London and Tunbridge Wells homoeopathic hospitals. In 1947 he proceeded MD and in 1951 was elected to fellowship of the Faculty of Homoeopathy.

Dr Walker's main clinical interests were in cardiovascular disease, and he contributed several papers to the *British Homoeopathic Journal*. He served the Faculty of Homoeopathy on the council for many years and was also dean and president.

Bill was enormously respected for his honesty and the human qualities of sympathy, judgment, and common sense that he brought into every aspect of his life and work. By nature rather shy and retiring, when he was convinced of an issue of principle he fought tenaciously and outspokenly. He had a delightful sense of humour, and a bright twinkle in

his eye would light up on many occasions even in the midst of controversy.

Bill's delight was in music, and he was a gifted pianist and organist, playing the organ in church every week. He was a devout Christian, and his faith permeated all aspects of his life. For many years he knew that he had a limited expectation of life owing to polycythaemia, and he doubly enjoyed the years he outlived the statistical expectation. He is survived by his wife, two married daughters, and grandchildren, a happy and united family that gave him great happiness.—LRT.

## G J LILLIE

MB, BS, FRCS

Mr G J Lillie, who until his retirement was senior consultant orthopaedic surgeon to the Plymouth group of hospitals, died at Derriford Hospital on 30 October aged 79.

Geoffrey James Lillie was born on 5 December 1902 in Launceston in the Tamar



valley, Tasmania; by a coincidence he later settled in a small village in Devon close to the Tamar valley. He was educated at Scott College and the University of Melbourne, Australia, graduating MB, BS in 1925. He came to England in 1932 and was a house

surgeon at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital at Stanmore, obtaining the FRCS in 1933. From London he went to the Princess Elizabeth Orthopaedic Hospital at Exeter, where the Devonian Association for Cripples' Aid had been established in 1925. Initially he served as resident surgical officer, becoming assistant surgeon two years later. He was the second orthopaedic surgeon to be appointed in Devon, one of a small band of pioneers who were extremely versatile and had acquired related skills in radiography, pharmacy, and anaesthesia. His stay at Exeter was interrupted by the war, and in 1942 he was posted to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital in London. After 18 months he was moved to central India, where he served as an orthopaedic specialist in the RAMC with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He returned to Exeter in 1945 and, that year, took up his Plymouth appointment, based at Mount Gould Orthopaedic Hospital.

Perhaps Geoff's greatest contribution, throughout his career, was his honest, kindly, and compassionate approach to patients, particularly children. He developed a special interest in the management of cerebral palsy and was honorary surgeon to the Dame Hannah Rogers School at Ivybridge. He was an excellent clinician, insisting on a careful examination, and a skilful yet careful surgeon who distrusted the quick operative approach; above all, he was a good doctor. His opinion was much sought after by his colleagues in many different specialties. He was an enthusiastic teacher because he liked the young and enjoyed imparting his sound knowledge; he taught as he practised, with complete sincerity, as he detested humbug. He instilled in his pupils a sense of loyalty and integrity and

gained their friendship, which continued throughout his life. He served on management committees and on the executive committee of the British Orthopaedic Association; and helped to found the Friends of Mount Gould and, in 1948, the South-west Orthopaedic Club, whose first meeting he chaired.

Mr Lillie frequently travelled round the world, especially to his native Australia; before each journey he planned his itinerary with care so that he could visit as many of his old pupils as possible. He never married but was fond of children and devoted much of his time to their care. In his younger days he was a good tennis player; he was also a keen golfer and played well into his retirement. His main love was probably his garden, where he spent more and more of his time.—MHS, JGH.

## R S GARDEN

MCH, FRCS, FRCSED

Mr R S Garden, formerly consultant orthopaedic surgeon to the Preston and Chorley group of hospitals, died on 16 October aged 72.

Robert Symon Garden was born in Macduff and received his education at Gordon's College, Aberdeen, and Aberdeen University, where he graduated MB, ChB in 1934. After house appointments at Preston Royal Infirmary he was a registrar in Liverpool, gaining the MCh(Orth) in 1936 and the FRCSED in 1939. With the outbreak of war he worked for a short time at an Emergency Medical Service hospital in Southport, where he treated casualties from the Dunkirk evacuation. Commissioned in the RAMC, he served as an orthopaedic specialist in the UK and the Middle East. Subsequently he was appointed surgical specialist to a field surgical unit, where he remained for the whole of the Italian campaign, completing his war service with the rank of lieutenant colonel. In 1946 he was appointed consultant orthopaedic surgeon to the Preston and Chorley group of hospitals.

By a combination of professional skill and industry Mr Garden succeeded in producing a first class orthopaedic and accident unit. By dint of great manual dexterity and sound judgment he soon established a high reputation with his surgical colleagues. He campaigned vigorously for the improvement of the accident department and was one of the first to organise a direct radio link between the department and the ambulance at the scene of an accident. For many years he lectured regularly to the ambulance staff of the district, emphasising the crucial part they could play in reducing mortality and morbidity in accident victims. He fought hard to establish an intensive care unit for the seriously injured at a time when this concept was in its infancy.

Bob was not content merely to bear his full share in the routine work of the department. He soon became attracted to the idea of clinical research in a busy provincial hospital and was instrumental in founding a research fund for the hospital staff. He wrote several papers on managing severely injured patients but became increasingly interested in the functional anatomy of the femoral neck and the difficult subcapital fracture. He wrote several important articles on this subject, as well as lecturing both at home and abroad. He devised the generally accepted classification of subcapital fractures and also a highly ingenious method of fixation by placing two screws at an angle. Possessed of great intellectual honesty, he was

always careful to point out the imperfections of his own line of treatment for fractures of the femoral neck.

Elected a fellow of the British Orthopaedic Association and a member of the Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie, Bob was particularly gratified to be given an external lectureship at the University of Liverpool. He was an honorary member of the Liverpool Medical Institution, and to his great pleasure an honorary FRCS was conferred on him in 1970. He was also active locally in the BMA and was elected chairman of the division in 1967.

Bob was a modest, kindly man with a warm, outgoing personality and the capacity to inspire the loyalty and devotion of his colleagues and juniors. To the end he retained a boyish sense of fun and could not tolerate pompous behaviour. Because of ill health he was forced to retire in 1974, and three years later he was struck down with an illness from which he never recovered. He found joy and comfort in his family and it was fitting that throughout his long period of severe incapacity he received the loving care of his wife Janet, whose devotion was an inspiration to us all. He is survived by Janet and their two children Graeme and Elizabeth.—NAGC.

## J M PENCHEON

MD, MRCPsych, DPM

Dr J M Pencheon, consultant psychiatrist, died suddenly on 7 November while on holiday.

James Michael Pencheon was born in 1924 and educated in Leeds, graduating MB, BCH at Leeds Medical

School in 1949. After surgical house officer appointments in his teaching hospital he worked in the neurosurgical department, where he became interested in the theoretical concepts of neuropsychiatry; he changed from a career in surgery to one in psychiatry and received his training at the Institute of Psychiatry. Posts at Helledon Hospital, Norwich, and Lancaster Moor Hospital led to his becoming a consultant psychiatrist to the Cornwall clinical area in 1959.

Shortly after taking up this appointment Dr Pencheon became seriously ill. After recovery he still had to contend with the late effects of his illness but was able to devote himself with characteristic energy to developing a psychiatric service in his area. He set himself the highest standards in the performance of his work and was constantly reappraising the methods and objectives of psychiatry. With his knowledge and his flair for teaching he did much to enhance the understanding of mental illness among specialists in other fields, general practitioners, nurses, and social workers in Cornwall. He proceeded MD in 1962 and became clinical tutor in psychiatry for Cornwall. In 1974 he served a term as chairman of the mental health division.

Dr Pencheon's literary knowledge was extensive, and he made a detailed study of the



French revolution. He spent much of his leisure time enjoying music and working in his garden in Cornwall, in which he had grown many rare shrubs and an extensive collection of conifers. He remained active and interested in his work and died while following his most enjoyed activity of searching for books to add to his collection. He is survived by his wife Pam, also a consultant psychiatrist, and his four children. He was particularly happy to live to see his younger son qualify in medicine earlier this year.—JFD.

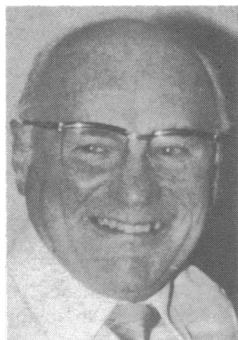
## T K O'LEARY

LAH, MPSI, MRCP

Dr T K O'Leary, formerly a general practitioner in Dudley, Worcestershire, died on 20 October after a short illness. He was 60.

Thomas Kevin O'Leary was born in Athlone, Ireland, and was educated at O'Connell's School, Dublin.

He began his medical studies at University College, Dublin, in 1940, but his student career was interrupted by illness that necessitated years of treatment in Ireland and Switzerland. Despite this adversity so early in life he qualified LAH in 1955.



After house appointments in Jervis Street Hospital and the Rotunda Hospital he joined the Uganda Medical Service. In 1959 he moved to the midlands of England and until the time of his death was in general practice in Dudley.

Although he never completely shook off the effects of his illness, Kevin did not spare himself in caring for his patients. A good doctor, he enjoyed his work and was kind, generous, and always cheerful. He is survived by his wife May and three children Fionnuala, Brendan, and Brona.—JBC.

## B J MALLEY

MBE, MD, FRCP, DPH

Dr B J Malley, formerly consultant in charge of the Bermondsey chest clinic and consultant chest physician emeritus to Guy's Hospital, died suddenly at his home in London on 23 October. He was 70.

Brendan Joseph Malley was educated at Belvedere College and University College, Dublin, graduating MB, BCh, BAO in 1935 with first class honours. Although in due course he became senior house physician at the Mater Hospital in Dublin and a member of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, he was quite sure that his future lay in London. He joined the RAMC at the outbreak of war and served mostly in north Africa and Italy, for a time being regimental medical officer of the Lovat Scouts. He was awarded a military MBE and was mentioned in dispatches. On demobilisation he became consultant in charge of the Bermondsey chest clinic and later consultant chest physician to the Guy's group of hospitals. This, of course, was the heroic age in the treatment of tuberculosis, and he played a monumental part in running vast clinics and organising effective

domiciliary treatment. The Bermondsey health centre was a good example of this.

Brendan had a large circle of friends and was a cook of considerable ability. His knowledge of wine was profound, and, indeed, he was a member of the Sainsbury Club, which is a major accolade in oenological circles. Unmarried himself, he came of a large and distinguished Dublin family. His elder brother General Ernest O'Malley was sometime general officer commanding South Eastern Command of the Irish Army, and his younger surviving brother Dr Kevin Malley was senior physician at the Mater Hospital, Dublin.—EOLH.

AGC writes: Brendan Malley, as befitted a member of the Wine and Food Society, was a convivial man who delighted in entertaining his guests royally. I recall particularly a memorable evening as his guest at dinner in a City livery company's hall: the food was Lucullan, the wines superb, and the company sparkling. He had a Horatian quality—an enjoyment of the company of his friends (to whom he was intensely loyal) and of the good and civilised things of life. To his patients he was the pattern of courtesy and kindness, to his colleagues an ever helpful physician, and to his intimates a trusted and unfailing friend.

## J M ROBERTSON

MB, CHB, DPM

Dr J M Robertson, formerly a general practitioner in Edinburgh, died on 15 September aged 57. He had been forced into early retirement by ischaemic heart disease.

John Martin Robertson was educated at George Watson's College, Edinburgh. Leaving school in wartime, he followed the tradition of his family by joining the Royal Scots. He saw service as a young officer and left the army with the rank of captain after a spell in the Middle East. He entered Edinburgh University Medical School in 1947, graduating in 1952. His career took him first into general practice; later he trained in psychiatry at the Crichton Royal, Dumfries, subsequently holding posts in Oldham and Larbert. Finally, however, he returned to his first preference, becoming a partner and then a senior partner in an Edinburgh general practice.

Those many who knew John loved him for many qualities: his warmth and kindness, his practical help and comfort, his ability to turn a phrase, his wit and wisdom and generosity of spirit, but perhaps most of all his sense of humour, which was whimsical and never hurtful. He could make people cry with laughter.

John is survived by his devoted wife Margaret and their daughters Jennifer and Heather.—FMAM, JBM.

## T F KIRKPATRICK

LRCP, LRCS, LRFPSGLAS

Dr T F Kirkpatrick, formerly a general practitioner in Keswick, died in Dumfries on 2 November.

Thomas Findley Kirkpatrick was a native of Duns in the Scottish border country, and was educated at George Watson's College in Edinburgh and at the Edinburgh colleges of medicine, qualifying in 1931. He subsequently spent most of his professional life in Keswick, where by his industry and clinical ability he

built up a large practice. In addition he looked after beds in the local cottage hospital and gave anaesthetics for visiting orthopaedic surgeons; he also took his fair share in rescue work on the fells around Keswick.

All these activities took their toll on his health, and Dr Kirkpatrick retired from active work nearly 20 years ago, moving to Lockerbie on the Scottish side of the border. Until recently he enjoyed helping out in the local practices in Lockerbie and Lochmaben, where his good nature and clinical acumen earned him many more friends.

Of a quiet and reserved nature, Dr Kirkpatrick was happiest in his well equipped workshops, tinkering with his car, or mending his friends' clocks. His wife Catherine predeceased him a few years ago and he never quite recovered from this blow.—JBW.

## W H SPOOR

MA, MRCS, LRCP

Dr W H Spoor, a general practitioner in Cornwall until his retirement in 1963, died peacefully on 18 November after a short illness. He was 82.

William Hubert Spoor (Bill to his friends) was born in Bristol on 8 March 1900, the son of a doctor. He was educated at Sidcot School, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and St Thomas's Hospital, qualifying in medicine in 1929.

In 1931 he joined a general practice in Cornwall, where he remained until his retirement. A modest and thoughtful man who always had time to listen, he was much loved by his patients.

Bill was a keen photographer and cyclist, and his love of mountain scenery led him and his bicycle over most of the alpine ranges of western Europe, exploring remote passes where few would walk, let alone cycle. He had a great talent for inventing ingenious mechanical solutions to technical problems, and this, combined with an impish sense of humour and a flair for the controversial phrase, made him a valued contributor to photographic and cycling magazines under the pseudonym "Nutkin." After retirement he faced increasing physical disability with continuing courage and good humour, substituting bookbinding and brewing for more active pursuits and finding much solace in listening to music.

Dr Spoor married, in 1930, Sybil Pattison, also a doctor; she survives him with their son, who is a consultant anaesthetist in Western Australia, and their daughter, who is a dentist.—IM.

## C R BAXTER

MD, MRCP

Dr C R Baxter, formerly consultant physician at Hillingdon Hospital, died on 12 September aged 83.

Colin Ross Baxter was born at Tayport in 1899 and received a classical education in English, Latin, and Greek at Dundee High



School. He passed to University College, Dundee, in 1916, but his medical education was interrupted by military service and he was posted from a Scottish infantry regiment to the balloon observation section, observing for the artillery and the RAF. After the war he returned to Dundee, graduating MB, ChB in 1923. While there he became president of the literary society and served on the editorial board of the college magazine. He was a member of the college cricket XI and golf team, a prominent rugby footballer, and accomplished at water polo.

After house appointments at Dundee Dr Baxter went into general practice, first at Blackpool and then at Birkenhead, but after about 10 years he moved to London to study at the Postgraduate School at Hammersmith. On the outbreak of war he was transferred to Hillingdon Hospital, Middlesex. He passed the MRCP in 1941 and proceeded MD in 1950. With the formation of the National Health Service he was appointed consultant physician at Hillingdon, where he remained until his retirement in 1964. Although his clinical work was essentially in general medicine, he took a special interest in gastroenterology, and his opinion was much sought and greatly valued by his colleagues.

Colin was always thoughtful, kind, and courteous in his relations with patients and hospital staff. After his retirement he continued to lead an active life. He visited New Zealand, where he was able to indulge in his favourite hobby, fishing for salmon and trout, and each year he followed this same pursuit in Wales and Scotland. He delighted in entertaining his many friends at his Buckinghamshire home, which he managed almost unaided. Although severely disabled latterly by arthritis, he insisted on remaining independent until a few months before his death.—DSG, EBJ.

## N G HULBERT

MA, MD, FRCP

Dr N G Hulbert, formerly consultant physician to the West End Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, the Metropolitan Hospital, and the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, consultant neurologist to the Mildmay Mission Hospital, and chief medical officer of the Sun Life Assurance Society, died from a stroke on 9 November.

Norman George Hulbert was born in India on 3 January 1911, his father being in the



Indian Medical Service, and came to England at the age of 2. Educated at Wellington; Trinity College, Cambridge; and St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, he qualified MRCS, LRCP in 1934. He spent several years in the cardiology department at Barts and then at the Royal Chest

Hospital (where he prepared his thesis on artificial pneumothorax) before making neurology his special interest. Throughout his career, however, he successfully and proudly remained a general physician; the practice of

medicine continued to be fresh and exciting for him all his days. A brilliant teacher, if he was short of cases to demonstrate it did not matter for he had an endless store of instructive anecdotes always fun to hear and there were few neurological afflictions he could not mimic. Yet what emerged most strongly was his warmth, his interest in the patient as a whole, and his ability to inspire hope. Committees provided less pleasure, but he did not spare himself from hospital meetings, enlivening them with his wit and shortening them with his clarity of thought.

Dr Hulbert never owned a car: public transport was cheaper and quicker, he maintained. And so by bus and tube, with bowler hat and rolled umbrella, he reached his numerous and scattered appointments. In his early days he had a bowler for Barts and a trilby for his east end hospitals. But later he kept to the bowler: it would serve as protection if he should be coshed, or so he said. He enjoyed being photographed by tourists. Medicine was so entertaining he hardly needed diversions, but he followed beagles in his younger days and also found pleasure in salmon fishing and fencing, and was fencing at the Lansdowne Club the week before his death.

The favourite among Dr Hulbert's hospitals was the Mildmay, and in one capacity or another he gave it 42 years of faithful service. Deeply valuing the spirit of Christian vocation and service that permeated the hospital, he fought hard for its retention when it was threatened with closure.

Dr Hulbert is survived by his wife (Primrose Rostran, the writer), son, daughter, and six grandchildren.—JGW.

## W W PRATT

MRCS, LRCP, MB, BS, DPH

Dr W W Pratt, who served for 20 years in the Royal Army Medical Corps, died on 17 November aged 95.

Walter Woodall Pratt—John to his family—was born on 4 April 1887 in Bristol, one of 10 children, and was educated at Clifton College and Clarence School, Weston-super-Mare, before studying medicine at Bristol University, qualifying MRCS, LRCP in 1911. Commissioned into the RAMC in 1912, he held appointments at Bristol General Hospital, the Royal Army Medical College, London, and Queen Alexandra Hospital, London, before being posted to India in 1914. He served with the Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force and returned to Aldershot in 1920 with the rank of major. In 1923 he was appointed specialist in pathology at the RAMC college, but he had to retire in 1932 because of ill health attributable to his army service.

After his retirement Dr Pratt worked in Bristol hospitals and interested himself in local affairs. He had great compassion for the sick, disabled, and unemployed and was kind and generous. During the second world war he was a company commander in the Home Guard and took part in many war efforts for home security, at the same time working in hospitals and teaching anaesthetics. After the war he became a founder member and trustee of the community centre at Kingswood, Bristol, where he lived, and president of the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

A keen amateur painter, Dr Pratt was a member of the Royal West Academy for

many years; some of his paintings were exhibited in the Bristol Art Academy.

The only surviving member of Dr Pratt's family is a sister, who has lived in Monte Carlo for many years.—DFD.

## EILEEN C BARNIE-ADSHEAD

MB, CHB

Dr Eileen C Barnie-Adshead died suddenly at her home in Edgbaston, Birmingham, on 30 September. She was 83.

Eileen Cathrine Trimble was the daughter of a West Bromwich general practitioner,



and her three brothers also qualified in medicine. In 1922 she graduated MB, ChB at Birmingham University. She married in 1926 W E Barnie-Adshead, a contemporary medical student who later became consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist in

Birmingham. After 10 years as assistant in her father's general practice she followed her great interest of preventive medicine and worked as part-time assistant medical officer of health in the maternity and child welfare department of the city of Birmingham. She was an early member and staunch supporter of the Family Planning Association in the 1930s, when it was far from the accepted branch of medicine it is today. During the war she was medical officer to the British Red Cross Society. In 1946 she supported and encouraged her husband when he delivered prematurely by caesarean section the first baby to receive successful exchange transfusion for haemolytic jaundice due to rhesus incompatibility.

Eileen's husband died in 1951. She continued an active medical career, working for the Birmingham regional blood transfusion service and later as clinical assistant at the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital. She also continued her work in preventive medicine. During this time she was supporting both her sons through their medical training. Throughout these years she enjoyed travel, bridge, and golf.

Eileen loved medicine, particularly the fight against disease. She maintained a keen interest in medical advances, attending lectures at the Birmingham Medical Institute until the end of her life. She was a wise, kind clinician.—RTB-A, AMB-A.

We regret to announce the death on 4 December of Mr Edward Hale, advertisement manager of the *BMJ*. An obituary will be published in a later issue.

A service of evensong to give thanks for the life and work of Sir Alan Guyatt Parks, president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, will be held on Wednesday 12 January 1983 at 4.40 pm in the Church of St Clement Danes, Strand, London. Tickets will not be required.